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Parent Taught Drivers Education Strengthens Parental Rights

The Christian Homeschool Network has had on our Legislative Platform a desire to pass legislation to allow parent taught drivers education.

Currently parents must enroll their child in a professional driving school or wait until the child turns eighteen to obtain a drivers license.

Parent taught drivers education has been implemented in a number of states. Results from these states have shown children taught by their parents become better and safer drivers than those taught by the so-called experts. Also, parent taught drivers education can be a significant cost savings to many families.

Several home educating families have voiced their desire to have us work on this legislation. Today we are excited to announce that this legislative session we plan to introduce a bill to make parent taught driver education a legal option for interested families. However, this will take an incredible grassroots effort! We will be up against many who will oppose this legislation.

CHN is a 501 (c) (4) advocacy/political/lobbying non-profit organization, we are not under the same restrictions as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. CHN is therefore able to write, introduce, and lobby for legislation. We will be coordinating our efforts with other state homeschool leaders, and like-minded organizations.

NOTE: This potential legislation will help to strengthen parental rights and will have NO effect on the home-based instruction law.

We still have much work to do on this issue as we prepare for the legislative session. We are asking families that have had issues with a driving school and are willing to testify or provide us a written testimony to contact us ASAP at chnow@msn.com

This will be a great civics lesson opportunity for home educating families and co-ops. If you would like to observe the legislative process at work come to our January 12th Lobbying Days (Friday) and lend us a hand. We plan to work on this issue then. For more information on the CHN Lobbying Days go to <http://www.chnow.org/id111.html>

HSLDA has provided some information on parent taught drivers education.
http://www.hslda.org/docs/nche/Issues/P/Parent_Taught_Drivers_Ed.asp

A message from CHN: We are able to continue our work as a result of your gifts. It takes a large amount of financial resources to maintain a presence in Olympia each session, put together an annual newsletter, research and prepare reports, make thousands of copies, maintain a website and a free e-alert system.

We sincerely welcome your financial support, which is the lifeline God uses to allow us to exist. We do not have any financial grants, or other sources of income to provide for this work nor paid staff. We pray that you will consider helping with this great mission. Your participation will help us preserve our homeschool freedoms today and for future generations.

To support our efforts monetary gifts to CHN are appreciated; however as with all 501 c 4 political lobbying/advocacy organizations they are NOT tax deductible, but nevertheless remain vital to our continued efforts on behalf of homeschooling.

Please send gifts to: CHN, 10638 SE 236th St., Kent, WA 98031 or join us at <http://www.chnow.org/id14.html>

